REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is being filed to show the changes from the PCT claims to the claims filed, cancelling claims 1-28 and adding new claims 29-64.

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract has changes made and is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Denise M. Kettelberger (Reg. No. 33,924), at (612) 371-5268.

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